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The meeting was called to order at 10.50 a.m.

OTHER QUESTIONS (agenda item 10) (continued):

(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS (continued) (TD/B/[illegible] TD/B/L.562

Mr. HOWE-LOTZ (Sierra Leone), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the sponsors of the draft decision and a number [illegible] had been submitted to document TD/B/L.562 had agreed that, with a view to the present session, that text should be considered to be that of the twenty-first session.

Mr. CHACHIA (United Republic of Tanzania) said it had been hoped that a decision could have been taken on the draft decision at the present session. However, in view of requests by other groups for more time to study the implications of the draft decision, the Group of 77 in general, and the African Group in particular, proposed that consideration of document TD/B/L.562 should be deferred until the twenty-first session of the Board.

It was so decided.

REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE (agenda items 2 and 3) (TD/B/L.[illegible] TD/B(XX)/SC/L.4 and Add.1)

Mr. DIAZ THOMEN (Mexico), Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur of the Sessional Committee, introducing the Committee's report (TD/B/L.563; TD/B(XX)/SC/L.4 and Add.1), pointed out that a revision of paragraph 30 of document TD/B(XX)/SC/L.[illegible]Add.2 had been accepted by the Group of 77 and the revised text would appear in the report of the Board on the session. He referred briefly to the draft resolutions and draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Board in respect of agenda item 2 (TD/B(XX)/SC/L.3, L.4, L.11, L.15, L.16 and L.17) and drew attention to a draft resolution and three draft decisions (TD/B(XX)/SC/L.[illegible]/Rev.1, L.[illegible], L.11 and L.14) on which the Board was invited to take a decision since the Committee had failed to reach agreement on them.

The PRESIDENT thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur of the Sessional Committee for the work they had done and for the draft report which had been submitted.

Rationalization of the present machinery of UNCTAD (Conference resolution 114 (V))

Mr. STEINBACHER (Administrative Service) said that, if the Working Group recommended in paragraph 2 of the draft decision in document TD/B(XX)/SC/L.5 was established during the Board's twenty-first session and within the servicing structure of the Board, there would be no additional financial implications; if it was not, the secretariat would have to assess the financial implications and make a statement on them.

The draft decision in document TD/B(XX)/SC/L.5 was adopted.

Mr. HAGERATH (Netherlands), referring to the decision just adopted, said that some paragraphs in document TD/B(XX)/SC/L.1/Rev.1 did not adequately represent his delegation's views.

Mr. BRILLANTES (Philippines) said that there were measures which the Secretary-General could take at once - before the Working Group just decided upon was convened and with no need for specific action by the Board - in order to make UNCTAD more responsive and effective now. A number of existing General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions provided a mandate and guidelines for that purpose, for example using the provision requiring observance of the "six-week rule", which had never been fully put into effect. The creation of such initial rationalization measures would ease the tasks of the Working Group and of the Board itself.

Mr. ABDA (Pakistan) endorsed the Philippine representative's observations. Many matters could be dealt with and a contract to help in informal discussions, before the Board's next substantive session, with a view to arriving at a mutually acceptable position as speedily as possible. Lack of time, not lack of goodwill, had prevented a resolution of such discussions during the present session. If the Board could reach agreement concerning the areas in which the Secretary-General could initially economize, its measures would then concentrate on the areas where economies could be easily effected.

Mr. DEBRI (United Arab Republic) said that rationalization was one of the Board's most important tasks; therefore the utmost concentration and energy should be devoted to it. Rationalization would make the Board more effective and enable it to use its resources to achieve better results. It required a measure of common sense and unity. His delegation would do its best to help in the rationalization exercise, to move to the rationalization process and thus improve UNCTAD's effectiveness.

Mr. COREA (Secretary-General of UNCTAD) said that the UNCTAD secretariat would give careful consideration to the proposals of the three previous speakers and would make its observations on proposals for rationalization available to the Board at its twenty-third session. The secretariat would endeavour to give effect to such suggestions as could be implemented in the meantime.

Strengthening of international machinery for development policy, including appropriate forms of institutional transformation (Conference resolution 103(S)) (TD/B/C.3(XX)/SC/L.1)

Mr. MSAMBU (United Republic of Tanzania) proposed that, in order to remove ambiguity and assist the Committee on Transfer of Technology at its third session, the full stop at the end of draft decision TD/B(XX)/SC/L.1) should be replaced by a comma and followed by the words "taking into account Conference resolution 103 (V).".

It was so decided.

Draft decision TD/B(XX)/SC/L.1, as orally amended, was adopted.

Development aspects of the reverse transfer of technology (Conference resolution 102 (V)) (TD/B(XX)/SC/L.11)

Draft resolution TD/B(XX)/SC/L.11 was adopted.

Matters remitted to the permanent machinery of UNCTAD: draft resolution entitled "Transnational corporations and international commodity trade" (TD/B(XX)/SC/L.15)

Draft decision TD/B(XX)/SC/L.15 was adopted.

Trade and trade-related aspects of industrial collaboration arrangements (TD/B(XX)/SC/L.16)

Draft resolution TD/B(XX)/SC/L.16 was adopted.

Multilateral Trade Negotiations (Conference decision 152 (V)) (TD/B(XX)/SC/L.17)

Draft resolution TD/B(XX)/SC/L.17 was adopted.

The meeting rose at 1.30 a.m.